

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

**AFFIDAVIT OF JEAN SANFORD**

I, the undersigned, JEAN SANFORD, being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says as follows:

I have been interested in promoting transparency in voting in Minnesota for several years. When I learned that Minnesota Majority was conducting a press conference on potential irregularities in Minnesota's voter registration lists, I attended their press conference on Friday, October 24. After the press conference, I offered to Jeff Davis to help Minnesota Majority conduct further research into these possible irregularities.

As part of my volunteer efforts, I telephoned approximately 15-20 people on Monday and Tuesday, October 27 and 28, whose voter registrations reflected the same names and phone numbers at different addresses. I was concerned that such persons were registered to vote in more than one place and therefore could have voted twice.

In every one of these calls, I identified myself as "calling on behalf of Minnesota Majority". I never identified myself as calling on behalf of the Secretary of State. The entire substance of my calls was to explain that the voter registration list had more than one address for that person and that we were verifying certain information on the voter registration list. At no time in any of these calls did I make any attempt to dissuade, intimidate or threaten any person to refrain from voting or to vote a particular way.

I recall speaking with Larry Johnson and I have read Mr. Johnson's affidavit on Minnesota Secretary of State letterhead as well as the "News Release" from Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie. I was shocked that the Minnesota Secretary of State would go public with such a serious accusation without the courtesy of even checking with me to see if these accusations were accurate. I am very surprised and appalled that Mr. Ritchie would make such an assumption as a public official without further verification and that I now have to go to great lengths to defend my good name. I believe that Mr. Ritchie has shown very poor judgment to immediately react in such a serious manner.

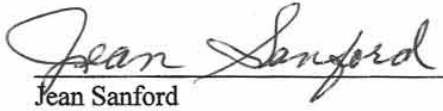
Mr. Johnson's affidavit is false in many respects. When I telephoned Mr. Johnson, I identified myself as "Jean Sanford" and that I was a volunteer for Minnesota Majority. I never used my middle initial. I never identified myself as calling on behalf of the Secretary of State or even used the words "Secretary of State" in my call with Mr. Johnson. In fact, Mr. Johnson and I discussed the organization I volunteered for, Minnesota Majority, which I informed Mr. Johnson was a nonprofit involved in various issues including investigating potential voter fraud. Mr. Johnson then criticized the group and told me I was a nice woman but naïve. I then politely concluded the call. In that conversation, Mr. Johnson made no reference to feeling intimidated, threatened or otherwise coerced by my call.

The next morning, Mr. Johnson called my house at 8:27 a.m. and left a message with my husband. I returned his call about 20 minutes later and he then told me he considered my telephone call from the prior evening to be voter suppression. He also called himself a McCain

supporter but made no reference to being a lifelong Republican. Mr. Johnson did not assert that I claimed to have been calling from the Minnesota Secretary of State. In both calls with Mr. Johnson, he clearly knew that I was calling on behalf of Minnesota Majority.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008

  
Jean Sanford

  
Notary Public

